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Date: AUG 19 2011

Jason Smathers  
MuckRock Ref: 758-52083209  
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Somerville, MA 02143

File Number: 20110586

Dear Requester:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Acts (FOIA/PA) request originally received by the United States Secret Service (USSS) on August 9, 2011 for information pertaining to Silk Road.

In response to your request, the USSS has conducted a reasonable search for responsive records. It appears, from a review of USSS main indices, that there are no records pertaining to your request that are referenced in these indices. Enclosed is a copy of your original request.

Alternatively, if you deem our decision an adverse determination, you may exercise your appeal rights. Should you wish to file an administrative appeal, your appeal should be made in writing and received within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter, by writing to: Freedom of Information Appeal, Deputy Director, U.S. Secret Service, Communications Center, 245 Murray Lane, S.W., Building T-5, Washington, D.C. 20223. If you choose to file an administrative appeal, please explain the basis of your appeal and reference the case number listed above.

Sincerely,

*for* Craig W. Ulmer  
Special Agent In Charge  
Freedom of Information Act & Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: Copy of Original Request



FOIA

**From:** 758-52083209@requests.muckrock.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 08, 2011 12:07 AM  
**To:** FOIA  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request: silk road anonymous marketplace (ussb)

August 8, 2011  
United States Secret Service  
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Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Branch  
245 Murray Drive, Building 410  
Washington, D.C. 20223  
FOIA Officer/Requester Service Center Contact: Latita Payne

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

All records on, about, mentioning or concerning "Silk Road" (aka: Silk Road anonymous marketplace, aka: ianxz6zefk72ulzz.onion). An online anonymous buying and selling service that is only available via the TOR network at the address ianxz6zefk72ulzz.onion

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Jason Smathers

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